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State legislators to meet with developmental disabilities community

King County Executive-elect Dow Constantine will join the developmental disabilities community in welcoming the members of the King County delegation to the Washington State Legislature in a discussion of the legislative issues and priorities for 2010. As in years past, more than 500 people with developmental disabilities, their parents and family members, service providers and advocates are expected to attend the annual event, as well as approximately 30 legislators and staff.

Executive-elect Constantine will provide the opening remarks at the 20th Annual Developmental Disabilities Community Legislative Forum, which will take place:

Monday, Nov. 23, 2009
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Doubletree Guest Suites (near Southcenter Mall)
16500 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila

The program will feature individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members as they share personal experiences and viewpoints on the importance of community programs and services. They will speak to the 2010 legislative priorities, including: adequate funding for birth-to-three early intervention services; establishing insurance parity and best practices for school age children; funding and support for young adults graduating from high school; family support services; and services to respond to an aging population in the disability community. The annual forum is sponsored by the King County Board for Developmental Disabilities and the King County Parent Coalition.

For more information on the Developmental Disabilities Legislative Forum, please call Ray Jensen, Director, Developmental Disabilities Division, at 206-263-9018 or go to www.kingcounty.gov/ddd.